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Harbor Activities

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1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. Two unidentified Soviet cargo ships entered the port of Burgas. One arrived on 29 November 1952, was of approximately 800 tons, and had its smokestack aft. It unloaded some unfinished iron rods and a cargo of wooden cases. It then loaded tobacco and barrels containing "apple preserves", and departed on 1 December 1952. Just prior to this date a second Soviet ship of approximately 1,200 tons arrived in Burgas.
4. In addition to the ships listed above, a total of five Bulgarian ships arrived in port between 24 November and 1 December 1952. Four of them unloaded cargoes of wooden cases and loaded tobacco and barrels of "apple preserves". The fifth ship, of about 800 tons, arrived at the same time as the second Soviet ship, on 1 December 1952.

Naval Craft in the Harbor of Burgas

5. [REDACTED] the following Bulgarian naval vessels were in port:

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- a. A minesweeper (see figure 1, on Appendix A);

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- b. A landing craft (see figure 2, Appendix A);
- c. Eight patrol boats (see figure 3, on Appendix A); and
- d. Four motor torpedo boats.

All these ships were tied up in the inner harbor along the southern and western breakwaters. (A sketch [redacted] showing the position of ships in the Burgas harbor during the period from 24 November to 1 December 1952, is attached as Appendix B). 25X1

6. The minesweeper [redacted] is painted white, except for the bridge which is grey, and the prow of the ship which is black. The mast and the crow's nest are also painted white. 25X1

7. The landing craft [redacted] was armed with two 75 mm. or 105 mm. guns. On 30 November 1952, it left the port [redacted] 25X1

8. The eight patrol boats were tied up by their sterns to the western breakwater and did not leave port between 24 November and 1 December. Their armament consisted of five 75 mm. or 105 mm. guns. The guns on these patrol boats were located as follows:

- a. One on the forward deck;
- b. One on the bridge;
- c. One behind the smokestack; and
- d. Two on the aft deck.

Furthermore, black cylindrical objects similar to torpedoes were located on the port and starboard sides of all ships. There appeared to be some writing on the forward part of these cylindrical objects [redacted] 25X1

9. The four motor torpedo boats remained tied up throughout this period, directly in front of the Naval Barracks.

Coastal Fortifications

10. [redacted] coastal guns, partially covered by tarpaulins, located at the tips of Nos Atiya (N 42-27, E 27-35), and Nos Ativolos (sic). [redacted] two guns in Sveti Nikola (N 42-27, E 27-39). 25X1

Miscellaneous Information

11. During the night of 28 and 29 November 1952, the sound of machine gun fire coming from the area north of Burgas and along the seacoast could clearly be heard for more than half an hour. 25X1
12. All electric lights in the Burgas Harbor are extinguished nightly after 9:00 p.m. or at the latest after 10:00 p.m. [redacted] during the night of 30 November 1952, an unidentified motorized unit or units passed through Burgas going south. This troop movement lasted for more than one hour. 25X1

13. [redacted] 25X1

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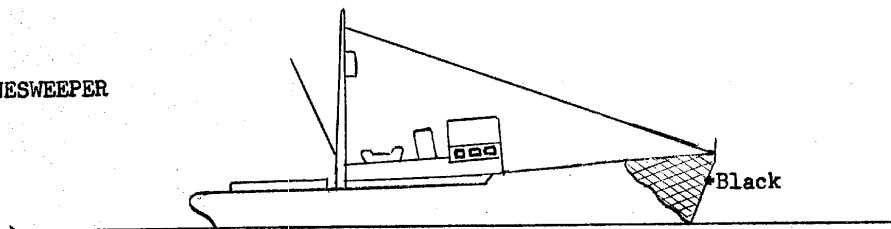
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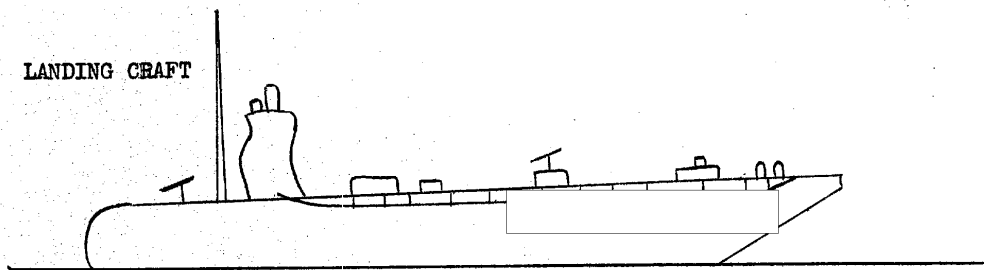
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APPENDIX A

MINESWEEPER

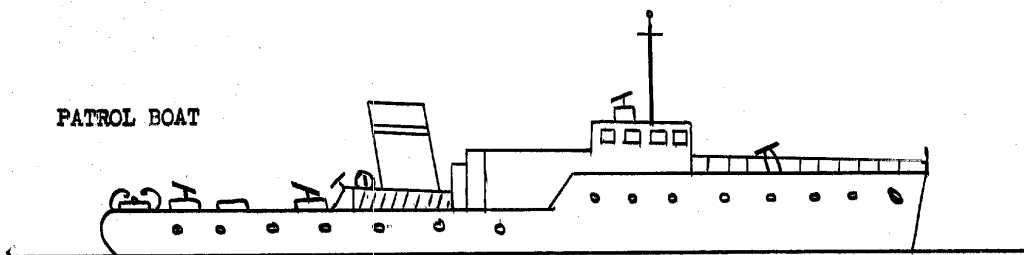


LANDING CRAFT



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PATROL BOAT

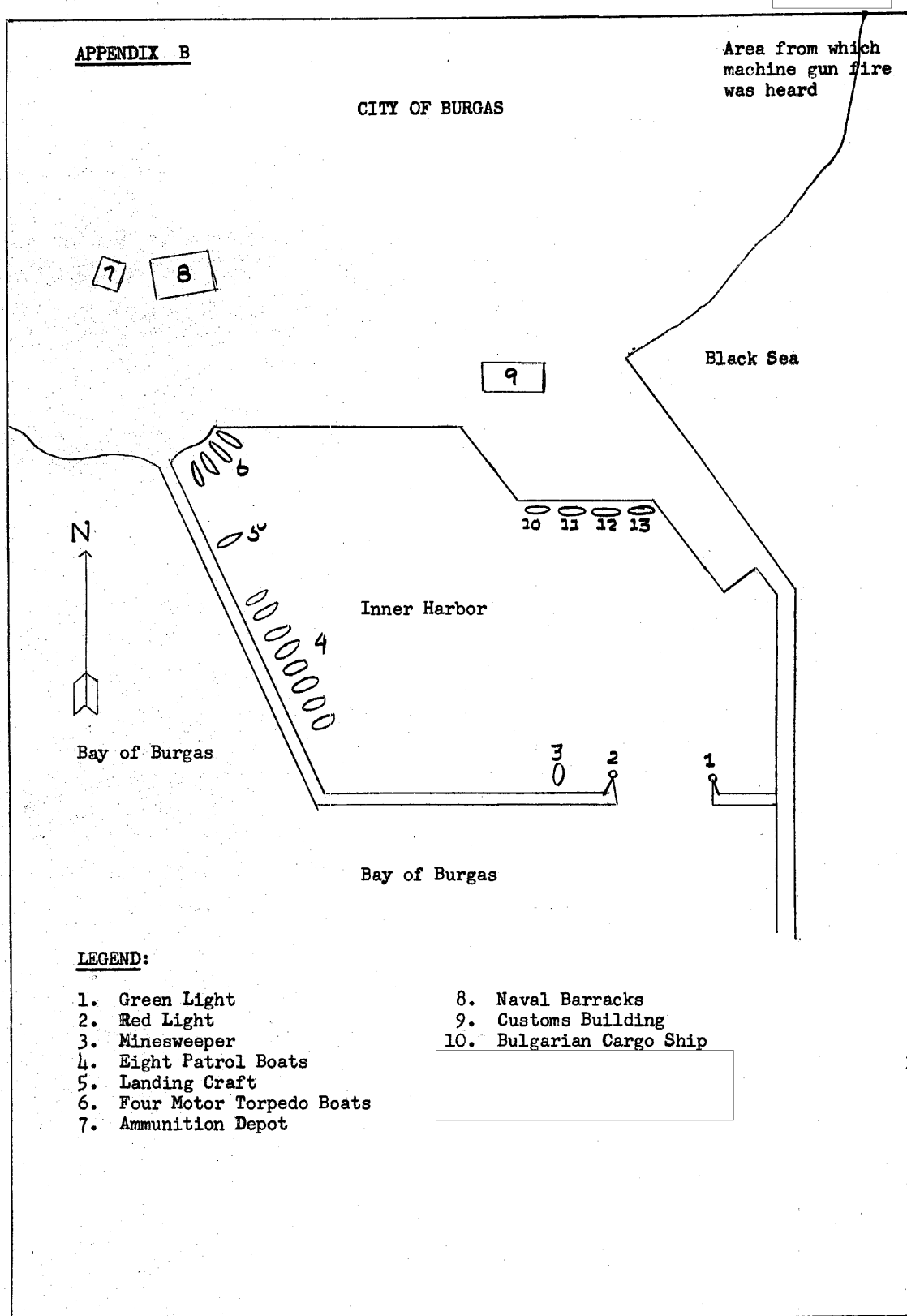


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